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PROGRAM

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1. GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSIONS AT JOINT DRAGON/KFA MEETING
IN JULICH ON JANUARY 14 AND 15 IS PROVIDED BELOW.

A. AT PRESENT, ABOUT 1/3 OF THE SPACE IN THE OSLO FACILITY IS
OCCUPIED BY SPECIMENS SPONSORED BY ERDA THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH
GENERAL ATOMIC (GA)9 THE PLANNED EXPOSURE TIMES FOR THE
SAMPLES IS 10,000 HOURS WHICH
SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY OCTOBER 1976. IN ORDER TO REACH THIS
GOAL, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ERDA MUST PROVIDE SOME
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE OPERATING EXPENSE OF THE OSLO LOOP
BECAUSE OF THE RECENT FUNDING PROBLEMS OF THE DRAGON PROGRAM.
THEREFORE, GA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY ERDA TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE
DRAGON PROJECT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE
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15,000 DOLLARS TO THE OSLO FACILITY FOR JANUARY 1976. ADDITIONAL

FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN OUR FY 76 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF 75,000 DOLLARS FOR 5 MONTHS OF OPERATION, FEBRUARY THRU JUNE 1976. THESE FUNDS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED BY ERDA THROUGH GA TO THE OSLO FACILITY.

B. ERDA IS INTERESTED IN THE DATA THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM FIAT'S TEST FACILITY IN TURIN, ITALY; HOWEVER, WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THAT FACILITY.

C. IF ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES NEEDED FOR THE JULICH MEETING, PLEASE ADVISE.

2. OVERALL GUIDANCE ON THE DRAGON PROGRAM AND EXTENT OF ERDA'S INTERESTS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING, AND RELATIONSHIP TO IEA HTR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE. KISSINGER

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